

Accessible Loading Zone - Hounslow Heath Road

Date: October 30, 2023

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 9, Davenport

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval for the installation of a designated on-street accessible loading zone to operate between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., daily on the south side of Hounslow Heath Road, between Laughton Avenue and St. Clair Avenue West.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council designate an accessible loading zone to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., daily, on the south side of Hounslow Heath Road, between a point 111 metres west of Laughton Avenue and a point 11 metres further west.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on the west side of Hounslow Heath Road, between a point 33.2 metres south of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 30 metres west of Laughton Avenue, to be in effect between a point 33.2 metres south of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 122 metres west of Laughton Avenue and between a point 30 metres west of Laughton Avenue and a point 81 metres further west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage cost associated with the proposed installation of the accessible loading zone is approximately \$500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from an accessible permit holder to investigate the feasibility of installing an accessible loading zone on Hounslow Heath Road, between Laughton Avenue and St. Clair Avenue West. The accessible loading zone will allow unimpeded curbside access for accessible vehicles (e.g. Wheel-Trans) equipped with a side or rear loading ramp.

Existing Conditions

Hounslow Heath Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, two-way, local roadway
- It operates on a pavement width of approximately 8.6 metres
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1,100 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- The roadway has traffic calming (speed humps)
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided

The parking regulations on Hounslow Heath Road, within the subject segment are as follows:

North/East side

- No parking anytime, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 37 metres west of Laughton Avenue
- No parking from 6:01 p.m. of one day to 7:59 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday and anytime, Saturday and Sunday, between Laughton Avenue and a point 37 metres west
- School bus loading zone and no stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Laughton Avenue and a point 37 metres west

South/West side

- No standing anytime between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 15 metres south
- Pay parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, between a point 15 metres south of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 18.2 metres further south
- One-hour maximum parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, between a point 33.2 metres south of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 30 metres west of Laughton Avenue
- Accessible parking space at anytime between a point 90 metres south of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 5.5 metres further south
- No stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Laughton Avenue and a point 30 metres west
- One-hour maximum parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, between Laughton Avenue and a point 30 metres west
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times

Transportation Services provides designated on-street accessible loading zones as a convenience for people with physical impairments, disabilities and/or for those who transport them, making it easier for them to locate find a pick-up/drop-off space, as near as possible to their residence or intended destinations and reduce the distances that the person with the physical impairment or disability must walk.

The installation of the proposed accessible loading zone will remove two on-street parking spaces during the daytime and evening periods within the above-noted segment of Hounslow Heath Road. These spaces will continue to be available to residential permit holders parking overnight. As such, this installation will have a minimal impact on the public right-of-way and local traffic or parking operations.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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SIGNATURE

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Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Proposed Accessible Loading Zone - Hounslow Heath Road

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